(b) to (d) The Government of Himachal Pradesh constituted committees to assess loss of apple crop in Districts of Chamba and Kinnaur. The loss to the tune of Rs.2,30,240 has been reported in Chamba District. The matter for award of compensation to the affected farmers has been taken up with Chamera Hydroelectric Project administrators.

Production of fertilizers

166. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the production of fertilizers is far less than the requirement of the farmers causing thereby considerable loss of agricultural produce;

(b) is so, the details of the annual requirement and how much is the production; and

(c) the steps Government has taken to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) Requirement of major fertilizers under subsidy regime in the country *viz.* Urea, DAP, Complex Fertilizers & MOP has shown substantial increase during the past few years and the gap between the requirement and indigenous production is met through imports. The details of annual requirement, production, imports, availability and sales of major fertilizers in the country for the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 (April to October 2009) are given below:-

(Lakh MT)

Year	Particulars	Urea	DAP/ MAP/TSP	Complex Fertilizers	MOP
2008-09	Requirement	281.34	94.83	92.32	37.86
	Production	199.22	29.93	68.48	-
	Import	56.67	66.29	-	56.33*
	Total (Prod.+ Import.)	255.89	96.22	-	-
	Availability	270.88	99.78	72.26	43.34
	Sales	266.51	99.03	71.22	40.95
2009-10 (April, 2009- Oct. 2009)	Requirement	159.70	70.46	56.97	26.53
	Production	120.28	29.08	44.17	-
	Import	32.76	45.09	-	27.08
	Total (Prod.+ Import.)	153.04	74.17	-	-
	Availability	149.80	74.04	45.26	23.84
	Sales	142.36	72.66	43.52	22.71

* This is inclusive of the quantities imported for industrial purpose for which no subsidy is paid.